

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 101

Date June 4, 1990

Full name Richard Collar, Jr.

(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Social Security Number [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

City Grayson State Ga ZIP Code 30221

Date of Birth 3/10/48 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 42 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion Methodist

Nationality

Occupation Attorney

Education

Weight

Height

Race

Color of hair Color of eyes

Outstanding characteristics or interests

Married or single

Divorced

Children [REDACTED]

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name

Scouting connections: Member of Committee Chartered organization Northeast-Georgia Council

Unit No. 553 City Snellville Ga Position MC Date registered 9/88 Date resigned

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Special recognition

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Suspected child abuse

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, INCLUDING HOW THE INFORMATION CAME TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

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Signed Robert M. Baker

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Northeast Georgia

NORTHEAST GEORGIA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

ATHENS, GEORGIA 30604

April 2, 1991

Richard E. Collar, Jr.
[REDACTED]

Grayson, GA 30221

Dear Mr. Collar:

After careful review we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be denied permanently. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee has already been sent to you by our previous letter.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to refuse registration whenever there is concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks.

If through the appeal process of your case any facts can be brought forth to change the court's decision, we would consider reinstating your membership.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Salser

Robert M. Salser
Scout Executive

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cc: Paul Ernst, National Office
Jim Wilson, Regional Office

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CONF005619

April 2, 1991

Mr. Robert M. Salser
Scout Executive
Northeast Georgia Council, No. 101

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RICHARD E. COLLAR

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: James O. Wilson, Southeast Region

READY FOR FILE
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ERIN O'RILEY

CONF005620

March 27, 1991

READY FOR FILE
MAR 27 1991
BARBARA GOSEY

Mr. Robert H. Salser
Scout Executive
Northeast Georgia Council, No. 101

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RICHARD E. COLLAR, JR.

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your memo of March 20 and the attached newspaper articles.

You should send a letter to Mr. Collar informing him of his permanent suspension from the Boy Scouts of America.

Please send me a copy of the letter for our files. We should then have everything we need for refusing registration in the future.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: James D. Wilson, Southeast Region

CONF005621

NORTHEAST GEORGIA COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

ATHENS, GEORGIA 30604

M E M O

DATE: March 20, 1991

TO: Paul Ernst, National Office
Jim Wilson, SE Regional Office

FROM: Robert M. Salser

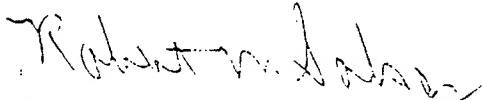
RE: Richard E. Collar, Jr.

I am enclosing the latest covered information on Richard E. Collar, Jr., who has been accused of child molestation. There are three (3) articles which primarily say the same thing. Please use these for your file as we are continuing to keep our file on these types of incidents in our council.

The sad news is that Paul's file is bigger than Jim's and Jim's file is bigger than mine. The real problem is my file should not exist at all.

In closing we have suspended Richard Collar's registration and refunded his money and informed him last May that his registration was in question. Is there a need now to send him a letter stating that this is a permanent decision? Please advise.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Salser
Scout Executive

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Enclosures

Jury finds Gwinnett lawyer guilty of child molestation

By Cecilia Mitchell

Daily News staff writer

LAWRENCEVILLE — Local attorney Richard E. Collar Jr. lowered his head to the defense table Monday as a jury found him guilty of child molestation.

He was acquitted of three counts of aggravated child molestation. The jury deliberated for slightly more than two hours.

After the verdict, the defendant stood doubled over as Gwinnett Superior Court Judge Homer Stark sentenced him to 12 years in prison and eight years probation.

During the trial, an 11-year-old girl testified that Collar abused her continually, but she also said she changed her story over a two-year period. Before naming Collar, the girl denied being molested and then said an 8-year-old had sex with her.

Throughout the trial, the defense pointed to discrepancies in the child's version of events. In his closing argument, Chief Assistant District Attorney Stephen Franzen told the jury that the child did not point to Collar sooner because the defendant told

her he would go to jail if she told on him.

"The case boils down to ... if she changes her story, she's doomed and that's not right," Franzen said. "... He thought he could burden her so much with the responsibilities of her universe that she could never get on the stand."

Showing the jury a picture of the 8-year-old boy who at one point was named as the girl's molester, Franzen said, "He wants to hide behind this little boy, whose only mistake was to live in the neighborhood."

Franzen also told the jury that physical evidence indicated the girl's abuse continued after the boy had no more contact with her. During the trial, a prosecution witness testified the girl appeared to have been molested by an adult, but a defense expert said it was not possible to draw a definitive conclusion about the age of the abuser.

The defense called more than 20 people to the stand during the trial to testify to Collar's good reputation. Clients and local attorneys joined the defendant's minister

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Jury finds lawyer guilty of child molestation

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in testifying on the defendant's behalf.

In his closing, Franzen urged the jurors not to be swayed by that testimony.

"He's not on trial because he's a good man," Franzen said. "He's on trial for what he did in ... secrecy."

Collar took the witness stand Monday and denied responsibility for the crimes. The girl told jurors she was abused more than 20 times. While she said the defendant began abusing her when she was 5 years old, the indictment covered the period from 1987 to 1989, when the child would have been between 7 and 9 years old.

During sentencing, the judge also

ordered Collar not to have any contact with the girl unless it was court-approved. He also fined the defendant \$3,000 and ordered him to pay for any future psychological treatment the girl may require.

Minutes later, Collar handed his ring, wallet and watch to a friend before leaving for the Gwinnett County Jail.

Trial: Girl, 11, says ex-judge molested her

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churchgoer and PTA member. The father of two has run a well-respected law practice in Norcross for several years, witnesses said.

During opening arguments Monday, Michael Clark, Mr. Collar's attorney, contended that the girl never was molested or sexually abused and suffers psychological problems.

But jurors listened intently Thursday as the fifth-grader recounted the assaults she said occurred more than 20 times between April 1987 and March 1989.

"He had sex with me . . .," the girl said matter-of-factly. "He said if I told anybody he would go to jail."

Pediatricians have testified they discovered that the girl had been sexually abused in September 1987. But they said she offered varying accounts of what happened, saying she couldn't remember, boys molested her or that the abuse was self-inflicted.

But in early 1989, the girl confided that Mr. Collar had molested her, a 15-year-old friend testified Wednesday.

Gwinnett authorities were notified and a few days later, during an interview with the Gwinnett Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS), the girl wrote on a piece of paper that Mr. Collar had sexually abused her, Nancy Conry of DFACS testified.

Shortly after Ms. Conry read the girl's writing to the jury, Mr. Collar broke down crying, then looked at his mother and relatives sitting behind him.

During testimony Thursday, the child never looked at Mr. Collar. She swiveled in the witness chair or looked down at her lap. Meanwhile, Mr. Collar stared directly at her, showing no emotion.

When Mr. Clark suggested she may have been coached in her testimony, the girl insisted she was telling the truth. "I want to get it off my back," she said. "I didn't like what he did to me."

Ex-judge abused her, girl testifies

By Norma Wagner
and Bill Rankin
Staff writers

An 11-year-old girl who testified Thursday she was sexually abused for about two years by former Magistrate Judge Richard E. Collar said she hid under her bed and hugged her teddy bear after his assaults.

Mr. Collar, who served as a Gwinnett judge in the mid-1980s, is on trial this week on four counts of child molestation.

More than a dozen witnesses testified in support of Mr. Collar, who was described as a caring person, a Boy Scout troop leader,

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Molest: Ex-judge gets 12-year prison term, probation

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"We are very satisfied with the verdict," said Chief Assistant District Attorney Stephen Franzen. "[The victim] has been vindicated."

Defense attorney Michael C. Clark had no comment after the sentencing but appealed for a new trial. He also asked that Collar be freed on bond pending an appeal. Judge Stark declined to address the issue of bond Monday. Collar was being held in the Gwinnett County Jail on Monday night.

The conviction ended a week-long trial. Collar took the witness stand in his own defense for the first time Monday afternoon.

Turning toward the jury from the witness stand, Collar removed his glasses and emphatically told the court, "I would like to find out what happened, but I know I didn't do it as every one would like to suggest."

Earlier, Mrs. Collar told the court she did not believe any sexual abuse had taken place. She wept through most of her testimony and held her head down while her husband testified.

The fifth-grade victim testified Thursday that she hid under a bed hugging a teddy bear after each of about 20 alleged incidents of sexual abuse. She had changed her story several times, saying that neighborhood boys molested her or that the abuse was self-inflicted before she named Collar, but maintained she was telling the truth in court.

During closing arguments, Collar's attorney contended that sexual abuse never occurred and that the story was concocted by an emotionally troubled girl. He implied Collar's involvement was planted in her mind by influential psychologist and her mother. He called incompetent the testimony of four pediatricians about physical evidence of sexual abuse.

In rebuttal, Mr. Franzen said Collar's tears were for himself and not for the abused child. "Don't tell anyone or I will go to jail," Franzen said Collar told the girl. "He was betting she couldn't get on the stand."

Ex-judge convicted of molesting girl, given prison term

By Mara Rose Williams
Staff writer

Former Magistrate Judge Richard E. Collar was found guilty Monday of sexually molesting a young girl, now 11, during a two-year period beginning in 1987.

Although he twice broke down in Gwinnett Superior Court on Monday, crying as he maintained his innocence, and despite earlier testimony from numerous witnesses describing him as a caring, Boy Scout leader and PTA member, an eight-man, four-woman jury found him guilty Monday evening of one count of child molestation.

Collar was found not guilty of three counts of aggravated child molestation, including sodomy.

Collar, who served as a Gwinnett County judge in the mid 1980s and described himself as a tough defense attorney, fell forward onto the attorney's table and caught himself by his hands after the verdict was announced. He then turned around to his wife, Sandi and emptied his pockets, handing her the contents.

He was sentenced by Judge Homer Stark to 12 years in prison plus eight years on probation. Collar, the father of three children, turned 43 Sunday.

Please see MOLEST, J2

Daily News, Friday, February 15, 1991

Lawyer appointment denied in child molestation case

By Cecilia Mitchell

Daily News staff writer

LAWRENCEVILLE — During arraignment Thursday, the attorney for a lawyer who faces child molestation charges asked to be named as his court-appointed attorney because his client can no longer afford to pay for legal services.

Richard E. Collar of 2703 Pebble Farm Court in Grayson waived arraignment, but his privately retained attorney appeared in Gwinnett Superior Court on his behalf, noting the defendant has filed for bankruptcy.

Defense attorney Michael Clark said his client would pay the county for legal services if the bankruptcy court later determined he could afford to do so. However, Gwinnett Superior Court Judge Homer Stark refused to appoint Clark, saying Collar would have to take the luck of the draw.

"I make the decision about who's appointed," Stark said.

Collar, who allegedly molested his daughter, faces one count of child molestation and three counts of aggravated child molestation. He reportedly molested the child on "multiple occasions" between April 3, 1987, and March 22, 1989, according to the indictment.

The judge agreed to hold a hearing soon to determine if Collar is in need and deserving of publicly financed legal representation.

Chief Assistant District Attorney Stephen

Man can't afford attorney, he says

Franzen pointed out that Clark needs to file a request to withdraw as counsel prior to that hearing.

The judge agreed with Franzen's assessment.

Collar became the subject of an investigation when allegations surfaced during a divorce battle, police said earlier. Franzen had said previously that after the allegations surfaced, there was a "lengthy investigation by both (the Department of Family and Children's Services) and the police department" prior to Collar's indictment.

The defendant, who had custody of his daughter at the time of the alleged molestation, has denied wrongdoing in the case.

Gwinnett Juvenile Court Judge Handsel Morgan awarded Collar custody of the girl while stipulating she undergo tests to determine whether she had been abused. In a later hearing in front of Gwinnett Superior Court Judge Bryant Huff, the mother received custody of the child.

The case is slated to go to trial in March.



NORTHEAST GEORGIA COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



ATHENS, GEORGIA 30604

TELEPHONE

DATE: February 14, 1991

TO: Paul Ernst
Jim Wilson

FROM: Robert M. Salser

RE: Richard E. Collar

Gentlemen:

This letter is in reply to the inquiry concerning the follow up on Richard E. Collar. It is my understanding, through Foy Todd, Field Director, that Mr. Collar's court case will be held sometime around March 1st, therefore, for now, we must keep this on hold. I will be in touch with you as soon as more information is known.

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January 31, 1991

Mr. Robert M. Salser
Scout Executive
Northeast Georgia Council, No. 101

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RICHARD E. COLLAR, JR.

Dear Bob:

This is a follow up concerning the above named individual. We normally keep communicating with you until we receive all the information we need on each of our Ineligible Volunteer File cases.

We would still like the outcome of the legal action related to Mr. Collar. We hope this would have been completed by this time.

Thanks for your help in getting this information.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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cc: James D. Wilson, Southeast Region

READY FOR FILE
JAN 31 1991
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF005628

June 12, 1990

Mr. Robert M. Salser
Scout Executive
Northeast Georgia Council, No. 101

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: RICHARD COLLAR, JR.

Dear Bob:

Thanks for the material you recently sent concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful as we establish a file which will lead to refusal of future registration attempts.

We are asking you give us the outcome of the legal action once it has been completed. Otherwise, we think we have everything we need for our file.

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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NORTHEAST GEORGIA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



ATHENS, GEORGIA 30606

June 4, 1990

Mr. James D. Wilson
Assistant Regional Director
Southeast Region
Boy Scouts of America
[REDACTED]
Kennesaw, Ga. 30144

Subject: Richard Collar, Jr.

Dear Jim:

Enclosed is the letter that is being sent to Richard Collar. Richard had attended two sessions of the week-end Woodbadge, and upon receiving the information via the newspaper and several volunteers, we are refusing his registration at present.

The good news is that he, at present, has only been charged with molesting [REDACTED] and she was not an Explorer. This would clear us of any wrongdoing as far as liability is concerned.

By copy of this letter I am forwarding the Leader Questionnaire to Paul Ernst at the National office.

Thanks for all you do to assist us in matters such as these.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Salser
Scout Executive

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cc: Wayne Brock
Paul Ernst

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NORTHEAST GEORGIA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



ATHENS, GEORGIA 30606

TELEPHONE

June 4, 1990

Mr. Richard Collar, Jr.

Grayson, GA. 30278

Dear Mr. Collar:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that Boy Scouts of America membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to refuse registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the Boy Scouts of America seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a BSA regional review committee, please write to the regional director within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your relations with the Boy Scouts of America should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely,

Carl B. Romberg II

Carl B. Romberg, II
Council President

CBR/mun

cc: James D. Wilson
Assistant Regional Director

C. Wayne Brock
Area Director



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NORTHEAST GEORGIA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



ATHENS, GEORGIA 30606

TELEPHONE

June 4, 1990

Mr. Richard Collar, Jr.

Grayson, Ga. 30278

Dear Mr. Collar:

The following information is provided should you desire a review by the Southeast Region, BSA, of the decision to deny your registration.

1. Within 60 days, you must request in writing a review of this decision. Your request should be sent to the regional director, Southeast Region, BSA. In your request you may include your version of what occurred in support of your claim that your relations should not have been denied.
2. Upon the receipt of your written request, a committee will be appointed to review the situation.
3. You may attend the review hearing, but it is not adversarial in nature and neither the committee nor you will be represented by legal counsel. If you wish, you may be accompanied by no more than two other individuals if their testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.
4. The committee will review the facts as presented, and may interview any persons whose testimony might assist them in arriving at a correct decision.
5. You will receive a letter setting forth the decision of the committee.
6. If you disagree with the decision of the committee, you may request a review of this decision by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Sincerely,

Carl B. Romberg II

Carl B. Romberg, II
Council President

CBR/mun



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Warrants issued for lawyer accused of molesting [REDACTED]

LAWRENCEVILLE Arrest warrants were issued Sunday for a lawyer accused of molesting his daughter.

Gwinnett police obtained warrants Sunday charging Richard Collar with four counts of child molestation and two counts of aggravated child molestation.

Warrants charge that Collar, of 2703 Pebble Farm Court, Grayson, molested [REDACTED] during a period between October 1985 and September 1987.

Bond was set at \$5,000 each for the four child molestation charges, but bond on the two charges of aggravated child molestation was to be set by a Superior Court judge, the warrants show.

Besides Gwinnett police, the Department of Family and Children Services also was involved in the investigation.

Collar had been the subject of an investigation since allegations surfaced during a

recent divorce case, according to police. However, Collar underwent and passed a polygraph examination regarding the allegations, said officials familiar with the case.

Collar was awarded custody of the girl by Gwinnett Juvenile Court Judge Handsel Morgan, who stipulated that the child had to undergo periodic tests to determine whether she had been abused.

Collar subsequently lost custody of the girl during another custody proceeding, this time before Superior Court Judge Bryant Huff. That proceeding was closed to the public.

In a sealed order, Huff ruled that Collar should not have been given custody of the girl at the time of his divorce, according to sources familiar with the case.

Collar has been a lawyer in Gwinnett for several years and formerly was a magistrate.

— Scott Marshall

Gwinnett Daily News - Monday May 21st, 1990

File to Martha
at 548-3324

Statutory rape of female who is or has been married, 32 ALR3d 1030.

Mistake or lack of information as to victim's chastity as defense to statutory rape, 44 ALR3d 1434.

What constitutes penetration in prosecution for rape or statutory rape, 76 ALR3d 163.

Multiple instances of forcible intercourse involving same defendant and same

victim as constituting multiple crimes of rape, 81 ALR3d 1228.

Constitutionality of rape laws limited to protection of females only, 99 ALR3d 129.

Validity and construction of statute defining crime of rape to include activity traditionally punishable as sodomy or the like, 3 ALR4th 1009.

Sexual child abuser's civil liability to child's parent, 54 ALR4th 93.

16-6-4. Child molestation; aggravated child molestation.

(a) A person commits the offense of child molestation when he does any immoral or indecent act to or in the presence of or with any child under the age of 14 years with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of either the child or the person.

(b) A person convicted of the offense of child molestation shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 20 years. Upon a first conviction of the offense of child molestation, the judge may probate the sentence; and such probation may be upon the special condition that the defendant undergo a mandatory period of counseling administered by a licensed psychiatrist or a licensed psychologist. However, if the judge finds that such probation should not be imposed, he shall sentence the defendant to imprisonment; provided, further, that upon a defendant being incarcerated on a conviction for a first offense, the Department of Corrections shall provide counseling to such defendant. Upon a second or third conviction of such offense, the defendant shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than five years. For a fourth or subsequent conviction of the offense of child molestation, the defendant shall be punished by imprisonment for 20 years. Adjudication of guilt or imposition of sentence for a conviction of a third, fourth, or subsequent offense of child molestation, including a plea of nolo contendere, shall not be suspended, probated, deferred, or withheld.

(c) A person commits the offense of aggravated child molestation when he commits an offense of child molestation which act physically injures the child or involves an act of sodomy.

(d) A person convicted of the offense of aggravated child molestation shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than two nor more than 30 years. (Ga. L. 1950, p. 387, § 1; Ga. L. 1953, Nov.-Dec. Sess., p. 408, § 1; Code 1933, § 26-2019, enacted by Ga. L. 1968, p. 1249, § 1; Ga. L. 1984, p. 685, § 1; Ga. L. 1984, p. 1495, § 1; Ga. L. 1985, p. 283, § 1; Ga. L. 1987, p. 617, § 1.)

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